

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 229

BY SENATOR MARTINY

EVIDENCE. Provides relative to self-authentication. (8/15/10)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Evidence Art. 902(1), relative to self-authentication; to provide relative to electronically generated documents under seal; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Evidence Art. 902(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 902. Self-authentication

Extrinsic evidence of authenticity as a condition precedent to admissibility is not required with respect to the following:

(1) Domestic public documents under seal. A document bearing a seal, **including electronically generated documents logically associated with electronically generated seals,** purporting to be that of the United States, or of any state, district, commonwealth, territory, or insular possession thereof, or the Panama Canal Zone, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or of a political subdivision, department, officer, or agency thereof, and a signature purporting to be an attestation or execution.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

Present law contains no provision relative to the self-authentication of electronically generated documents.

Proposed law provides that electronically generated documents that are associated with electronically generated seals are included in the provision relative to domestic public documents under seal.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends Code of Evidence Art. 902(1))